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A SUSPENSION COMPRISING FIBRINOGEN, THROMBIN AND ALCOHOL, A METHOD FOR PREPARING SUCH A SUSPENSION, A METHOD FOR COATING A CARRIER WITH SUCH A SUSPENSION, A METHOD FOR DRYING A COATING OF A CARRIER, AND A COATED COLLAGEN **SPONGE**

ELECTION OF INVENTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action July 28, 2003, Applicant in the above-referenced application hereby elects the invention of group III corresponding to claims 21-56, drawn to a method of coating and drying a suspension with fibrinogen and thrombin.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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